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In Reply To:  
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Mike Spear, Manager  
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Dear Mr. Spear,

On June 27, 2000, Secretary Babbitt approved our recommendations for land acquisitions, capital improvements and support for the development of the Clark County Wetlands Park to be funded from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act special account (enclosed).

The BLM Southern Nevada Project Office has been in contact with your representative on the Federal Partners Working Group regarding the acquisition and reimbursement process, and we are now ready to issue task orders to authorize funding. Task orders will be issued in the amount of the estimated value of the land or cost associated with each project and an estimate of allowable reimbursable direct costs (refer to Appendix A of the Implementation Agreement), which have been furnished separately by each agency.

The approved land acquisitions, capital improvements, and contribution to the development of the Clark County Wetlands Park are an outstanding line-up and represent the first benefits to be realized under this unique law.

To clarify our appraisal approach process on these acquisitions, your agency's appraisals are not reviewed by the Bureau of Land Management for SNPLMA acquisitions as long as those appraisals are done in accordance with federal appraisal standards.

I commend you for the collaborative spirit you have demonstrated in developing the recommendations and look forward to your future nominations. Please direct inquiries to the Southern Nevada Project Office, 702-647-5114.

Signed by:  
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State Director, Nevada

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## 3 Enclosures

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cc:

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**SNPLMA**  
**Round 1 Expenditures of the Special Account**  
Approved by the Secretary of the Interior June 27, 2000

<b>Allowable Expenditure Categories</b>	<b>Number of parcels/projects</b>	<b>Funding Approved</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Land Acquisitions	11 parcels (8191 acres)	\$24.1 Million	See attached table for specific acquisitions
Capital Improvements	14 projects	\$5.04 Million	See attached table for specific capital improvements
Development of Parks, Trails and Natural Areas	1 project - Clark County Wetlands Park	\$4.2 Million	
Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan for Clark County	None	\$0	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$33.34 Million</b>	

**SNPLMA**  
**Round 1 Land Acquisitions**  
**Approved by Secretary Babbitt, June 27, 2000**

<b>Parcel Name</b>	<b>Size acres</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Nominated By</b>	<b>Estimated Value</b>	<b>Cumulative Total</b>	<b>Natural Resource Values</b>
Virgin River 1	160	Clark	Virgin River 1	Good Old Boys Trust	BOR & NPS	\$288K		Willow Flycatcher and riparian values
Moapa Valley NWR	46	Clark	DNWR	Apcar	FWS	\$1.3M	\$1.6M	Critical habitat for Moapa Dace
Ash Meadows ALC	354	Nye	DNWR	ALC	FWS	\$495K	\$2.1M	Critical habitat for Amargosa Pupfish, Speckled Dace (both endangered) and other endemic species
Mummy Mtn.	160	Clark	Spr. Mtn. NRA.	Rhodes Design & Development	Forest Service	\$1.2M	\$3.3 M	In-holding in wilderness area, endemic species
Tres Piedras	270	Clark	Spr. Mtn. NRA.	Rhodes Design & Development	Forest Service	\$6M	\$9.3 M	Recreation values, endemic species
Lockes Ranch	800	Nye	Railroad Valley	Roy Hall	BLM	\$1.4	\$10.7 M	Threatened Springfish habitat, wetlands & cultural resources
Lady of the Snows	29	Clark	Spr. Mtn. NRA.	Lee Canyon Enterprises	Forest Service	\$2M	\$12.7 M	Recreation values, endemic species
Casey Ranch	450	Washoe	Washoe Lake NW	Star 10 Development	BLM	\$4M	\$16.7 M	Threatened species habitat, wetlands, cultural resources
Rolling A Ranch	5350	Lyon	Carson River near Dayton	Christo Bardis	BLM	\$7M	\$23.7 M	1550 acre feet waters included; RR cultural sites, wildlife habitat, recreation
Ash Meadows Garner	160	Nye	DNWR	Garner	FWS	\$160K	\$23.8M	Habitat for Ash Meadows Sunray (threatened) and other endemic species
Idaho Canyon	412	Humbolt	Sheldon NWR	Estill	FWS	\$210K	\$24.1 M	Habitat for pronghorn antelope, sage grouse, bighorn sheep, mule deer and other wildlife

**SNPLMA**  
**Round 1 Capital Improvements**  
**Approved by Secretary Babbitt, June 27, 2000**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Nominated By</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>	<b>Cumulative Total</b>
1	FS	Kyle Canyon Visitor Center	\$159,000	\$159,000
2	NPS	Boulder Beach Sanitation	\$495,000	\$654,000
3	BLM	Red Rock Visitor Center Exhibit Upgrades	\$70,000	\$724,000
4	FWS	Habitat restoration	\$500,000	\$1,224,000
5	BLM	Oliver Ranch Feasibility Study	\$100,000	\$1,324,000
6	FS	Lee Canyon Water System	\$527,000	\$1,851,000
7	NPS	Lakeshore pull-out improvements	\$390,000	\$2,241,000
8	FS	Macks Canyon Trail-head	\$615,000	\$2,856,000
9	NPS	River Mtn. Loop Trail (Boulder Beach)	\$450,000	\$3,306,000
10	FS	Fletcher View Campground	\$508,000	\$3,814,000
11	NPS	Boulder Shoreline Fishing Improvements	\$285,000	\$4,099,000
12	FS	Mary Jane Falls and Trail Canyon Trail-head Improvements	\$262,000	\$4,361,000
13	NPS	Boulder Beach Picnic Improvements	\$399,000	\$4,760,000
14	FS	Dolomite Campground Toilets	\$280,000	\$5,040,000